

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/051,459 Confirmation No. : 6980
First Named Inventor : Hans BEER, et al.
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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Surface-Enhanced Membrane and Process and
Apparatus for Producing Same

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office
Action mailed May 30, 2007. Reconsideration of the pending rejections in view of
these remarks is respectfully requested. The three-month response due date is
August 30, 2007.

A Listing of the Pending Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.